

Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) Resources

This sheet provides follow-up resources for the EITC RuFES ReFresher Webinar, November 2012

Annie E. Casey Foundation (AECF)

AECF website has information, publications and tools related to EITC policy and practice:

<http://www.aecf.org/MajorInitiatives/CenterforFamilyEconomicSuccess/EITCFreeTaxAssistance.aspx>.

Center on Budget and Policy Priorities (CBPP)

CBPP's *National EITC Outreach Campaign* has a number of resources to promote the EITC, free tax preparation alternatives, and asset development strategies: <http://eitcoutreach.org/>. The *National EITC Outreach Partnership* has developed a list of EITC coalitions by state so that you can find out who to partner with on EITC efforts in your area:

<http://www.cbpp.org/eitc-partnership/directory.htm>.

Internal Revenue Service (IRS)

IRS *EITC Central* provides outreach and training materials for tax preparers and partners: <http://www.eitc.irs.gov>.

IRS Stakeholder Partnerships, Education, and Communication (SPEC) is the outreach and education department of the IRS. They provide EITC forms, publications, toolkits, brochures, and other resources:

<http://www.irs.gov/Individuals/Become-an-IRS-Partner-to-Help-in-Your-Community>.

National Community Tax Coalition (NCTC)

NCTC provides a wealth of training materials, data, and policy tools to promote the EITC: <https://tax-coalition.org/>.

EITC Platform

EITCPlatform.org is an online resource that offers practical tools, training, and group buying discounts to community-based tax preparation programs: <https://www.eitcplatform.org/>.

WEBINAR PRESENTER PROGRAMS

Kentucky Asset Success Initiative (KASI)

KASI is a broad-based collaborative effort dedicated to promoting economic self-sufficiency for low-income families in Kentucky. Mobile tax prep sites and employer-based tax prep sites are just two of the many strategies KASI uses to increase family economic success: http://www.kdva.org/projects/economic_justice/kasi_home.html.

Michigan Virtual Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA)

The Van Buren Intermediate School District in southwest Michigan successfully piloted a Virtual VITA program in 2012. To learn more about the pilot, contact Ross Yednock, yednock@cedam.info, Director of CEDAM Economic Opportunity Initiatives.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES RECOMMENDED BY PRESENTERS

Online Self-Tax Preparation

Many VITA sites are beginning to incorporate *Free Assisted Self-Service Tax Preparation (FAST)*: www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p4907.pdf. Taxpayers utilize online software provided by members of the Free File Alliance (FFA) and can receive assistance from trained volunteers located on-site. Examples of free online filing sites include: www.MyFreeTaxes.com, www.icanefile.com, and www.freefile.com.

Promoting EITC and Asset-Building

Show Me the Money Day is an annual event coordinated by the Community Economic Development Association of Michigan (CEDAM) that connects people with free financial workshops and quality financial products, services and programs. Held in late January, the event kicks off tax season for communities: <http://showmethemoneyday.org/>.

EITC Advocacy

RESULTS is a national organization that works to create the public and political will to end poverty. *RESULTS* regularly advocates for important income supports, including the EITC and CTC. To learn more about advocacy efforts, visit: http://www.results.org/issues/us_poverty_campaigns/economic_opportunity_for_all/earned_income_tax_credit/

Virtual Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA)

IRS Publication 1084 (page 37) summarizes the structure and guidelines for Virtual VITA: <http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p1084.pdf>. Organizations in Florida (http://floridaprospertypartnership.org/Will_Virtual_VITA_Work_for_You.pdf) and Colorado (<http://www.frontierassetbuilding.org/>) have implemented successful Virtual VITA programs.